

## CHAPTER 9 SECTION 5.1

# ELIGIBILITY OF NATO FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD)

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### I. ISSUE

Are NATO family members eligible for benefits under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS Program for Persons with Disabilities (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped)?

### II. POLICY

NATO family members are not eligible for benefits under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS Program for Persons with Disabilities.

### III. BACKGROUND

Eligibility under the PFPWD is limited to family members of active duty sponsors. "Active duty" is defined by Regulation as "full-time duty in the Uniformed Service of the United States". This, in effect, excludes military members of the armed forces of foreign nations. The language of 32 CFR 199 is in agreement with the Congressional intent in establishing the PFPWD which was to help those family members excluded from state resources because of residency requirements.

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